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In the application of:

Thomas M. Baer et al.

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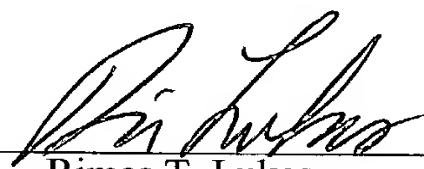
On May 27, 2003, applicants mailed a response to a non-final office action. On June 6, 2003, the Office mailed to applicants an "INFORMALITY RE PAYMENT OF FEE" requesting a payment of \$27 for additional claims. On June 13, 2003, applicants mailed a check for \$27 as requested by the Office. Applicants received a return postcard stamped June 16, 2003 indicating

that the check had been received by the Office. Copies of the documents of June 6 and June 13 and a copy of the return postcard are attached.

We have not received any correspondence from the Office on this application since the June 16, 2003 return post card. Please reply with the status of the application.

Dated: June 22, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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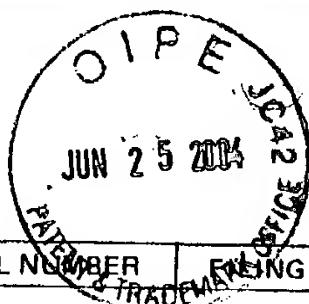
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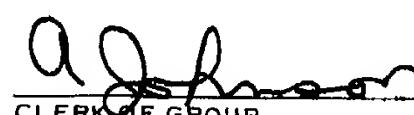
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee			
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee			
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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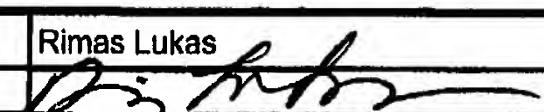
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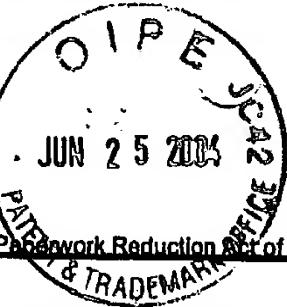
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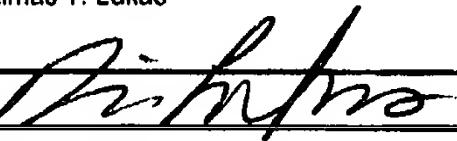
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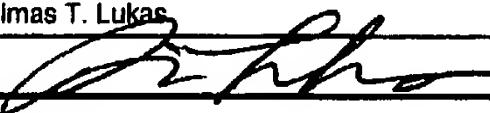
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